



METAMORA PARK DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, February 09, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Village Hall, 102 N Davenport St., Metamora, IL 61548

Minutes Prepared by: Katie Garber, Executive Director and Secretary

Call to Order

Pledge	Performed at 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call	Kari Ray, Matt Bidne, Myranda Driskell, Kerry Brock, and Andrew Kamm were present. All were in attendance.

Public Input

Eric Scheirer, Metamora Village Board Member	<p>Scheirer stated that he had heard President Ray speak about the pool and how it was struggling at the last Village board meeting. He expressed interest in helping in whatever way he could to help keep the pool open, whether personally or professionally as a board member.</p> <p>Bidne stated that the Village has helped yearly by filling up the pools at the beginning of the season, and that continuing that would be helpful.</p> <p>It was stated that the major issue surrounding the pool is that because it is so old there are many repairs that come up that are very expensive to fix or possibly not able to be fixed at all. As of right now, the board members agreed the life of the pool needed to be decided on a year by year basis. Also, if a major expense were to come up that would raise questions as to whether it is worth the cost of repairing, the Village and the public would be made aware before any final decisions would be made to close the pool.</p>
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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer Joan Garber gave the Treasurer's Report. The commissioners reviewed the report. President Ray asked if anyone had questions.</p> <p>Commissioner Bidne asked Treasurer Garber about when the budget needed to start being prepared, and she stated that it would not need to be started for a couple of months.</p> <p>Bidne made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as provided. Brock seconded the motion. Kari Ray, Myranda Driskell, Matt Bidne, Kerry Brock, and Andrew Kamm voted in favor. Motion passed.</p>
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Appointing of Secretary

	Director Garber informed the board that in her communications with the Park District's lawyer this month, he had informed her that it was most appropriate for the Park District to have an official secretary appointed.
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	<p>She stated that Attorney Connor informed her that she could legally be the secretary also, or the board could appoint one of the board members to be the secretary.</p> <p>Commissioner Brock made a motion to appoint Katie Garber as the secretary. Commissioner Driskell seconded. Kari Ray, Matt Bidne, Myranda Driskell, Kerry Brock and Andrew Kamm voted in favor. Motion passed.</p>
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Consent Agenda

Review of Consent Agenda	<p>Director Garber mentioned at the beginning of the consent agenda that she should have made the semi-annual review of executive minutes separate from the consent agenda, and asked that one of the board members would consider excluding it upon the approval of the rest of the consent agenda. It was decided the review would be put on the agenda to be completed in March.</p> <p>Garber also stated that there were meeting minutes that needed to be approved from October. When she was transferring audio files to the computer, she found an executive session that did not have minutes and had not yet been approved. She received permission from Commissioner Brock to complete these minutes which is why they appeared in February to be approved.</p> <p>Garber shared some of the key points of her Director's Report. She shared that she had applied for a grant for some swing repairs and had received the grant money this past month. Garber also stated that she purchased a new laptop, which had been budgeted for, because her laptop was not functioning and near the end of its life. Bidne agreed he would take a look at the old laptop to see if he could try to refurbish it to have as a backup. A possible gas leak at the Park District office was brought up. Ameren had been called when there was a suspected gas leak, although they did find an elevated amount of gas at the time, it was not found to be dangerous and worked itself out on its own. The library was made aware of the situation.</p> <p>Driskell stated that there was nothing new with the library, but that plans for park beautification should be started soon. It was decided that the Park District would collaborate with MTHS to promote beautification at each park.</p> <p>Kamm stated that he plans on figuring up pricing for a porta-potty rental as well as the cost of the privacy fence and pathway at Brighton Park.</p>
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Driskell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding the semi-annual review of executive minutes but including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2022Minutes of Executive Session meeting on January 12, 2022Minutes of Executive Session meeting on October 13, 2021



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	Director's Report for the month of February Committee reports as orally presented at tonight's meeting
	Kamm seconded the motion. Kari Ray, Matt Bidne, Myranda Driskell, Kerry Brock, and Andrew Kamm voted in favor. Motion passed.

Informational Items

Pool Property Discussion- Dollar General	Garber stated that she is still working on getting an appraisal for the pool property. The board agreed that they would like an appraisal of the entire property since it would cost more to do two separate appraisals for the lot and the entire property.
Hunting at Black Partridge Park- Amendment of Ordinance 05-06-08	Garber stated that she has been working with Attorney Connor to get ordinance 05-06-08 amended to read that bow hunting would be permitted at specified times and places as laid out by the Metamora Park District and the Illinois Recreational Access Program. Garber then explained what IRAP is. She explained that it is a program run by IDNR where landowners enroll and residents are allowed to enter into a lottery to hunt in the specified area. The program is bow hunt only, and the trails would be closed during the specified hunting times. She stated that in the upcoming weeks she would be meeting with a team from IRAP to explain in further detail the way the program could work.
Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village Police- Ordinance 21-22-03	Garber stated that Attorney Connor had informed her that to allow the Village police to enforce Village ordinances at Black Partridge Park an ordinance would need to be adopted making the Village ordinances apply to the Park District also. She stated that there was a clause in the proposed ordinance that covered the Park District if Village and Park ordinance may oppose one another. This would be the case if hunting is amended to allow it.
Trek for the Trails	Garber proposed a race on the trails out at Black Partridge Park for the summer called Trek for the Trails. The board stated that this race has been done in the past, and that it could be a good community event. Garber agreed that she would look into planning this event.
Easter Egg Hunt	President Ray proposed doing an Easter Egg hunt. The board agreed this would be a great idea, and Garber stated that she would begin planning it.
Metamora Park Foundation- Meeting	Garber stated that she would be meeting with the Park Foundation to go over areas where the Park District may need help with funding. Bidne brought up ongoing maintenance at the pool, as well as benches at the dog park. Brock mentioned the obstacle course at the dog park. Driskell mentioned park beautification.
Management Hierarchy	Commissioner Brock brought up the idea that it may be best for Garber, the Director, to oversee the pool manager rather than the board. It was mentioned



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	that this would speed up decision making associated with the pool. The other board members agreed, and Garber agreed to take on the duty of hiring and overseeing the pool manager.
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Action Items

Dog Park Rules Sign	Kamm made a motion to approve the dog park rules sign with a change under bullet four where "owners" shall be changed to "handlers." Driskell seconded. Kari Ray, Myranda Driskell, Matt Bidne, Kerry Brock, and Andrew Kamm voted in favor. Motion passed.
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Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive Session	<p>Kamm made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. under Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.</p> <p>Driskell seconded the motion. Kari Ray, Matt Bidne, Myranda Driskell, Kerry Brock, and Andrew Kamm voted in favor. All were present. Motion passed.</p>
Motion to Leave Executive Session	Driskell made a motion to leave the Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. Bidne seconded the motion.
Vote on Executive Session Items	No vote needed.

Adjournment

	Driskell made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Kamm seconded the motion.
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Kari Ray, President

Katie Garber, Secretary